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Second, rural Montana in particular would be hurt if they couldn't perform this psychological testing. The fact is, the just-under 200 psychologists in Montana could not begin to take care of the need without the help of the 1200 LCPC's and LCSW's.

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